

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Boissevain et al (US 3,779,003).

Claim 2 has been cancelled.

Claim 1 has been amended for further clarification. This claim is now believed to be in condition for allowance. **The amended claim 1 was allowed in Japan as Japanese Patent No. 3716985.**

Claim 1 has been amended to identify the support as being flexed in the longitudinal direction of the cables. See, Boissevain, col. 4, lines 5-17 *wherein stretching of the electrical cables and hoses is described*. In the Boissevain reference, the *cable*, *not the support*, is flexed in the longitudinal direction of the cable. Therefore, Claim 1 is not anticipated by Boissevain et al.

It is respectfully suggested that the Examiner has misread the reference.

Anticipation requires that there be an identity of invention. Anticipation requires that all elements and limitations of the claim are found within a single prior art reference. There must be no difference between the claimed invention and the reference disclosure. *Carella v. Starlight Archery and ProLine Co.*, 804 F.2d 135, 138, 231 USPQ 644, 646 (Fed. Cir. 1986). *Connell v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 722 F.2d 1542, 1549, 220 USPQ 193, 198 (Fed. Cir. 1983). *Kalman v. Kimberly-Clark Corp.*, 218 USPQ 781 (Fed. Cir. 1983).

The Boissevain reference lacks the structure as recited in amended claim 1 and, as a result, fails to anticipate the invention.

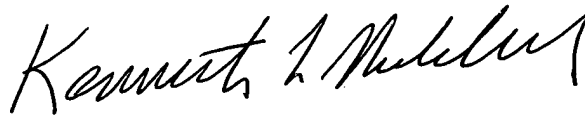
Reconsideration and allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for her consideration of this case.

The undersigned invites a telephone call from the Examiner if it would expedite the processing and examination of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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